

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 22/0902/FUL

**Address:** The Stag Brewery Lower Richmond Road Mortlake London SW14 7ET

**Proposal:** Erection of a three-storey building to provide a new secondary school with sixth form; sports pitch with floodlighting, external MUGA and play space; and associated external works including landscaping, car and cycle parking, new access routes and other associated works

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** There is considerable controversy about the need for a secondary school on the site. There are three large secondary schools in close proximity (Richmond Park Academy, Christs and Chiswick). It is important to ensure the viability of existing sixth form provision rather than jeopardise it.

The proposed size of the school is too big for the allocated space (only 30% of the DfE recommended area). At the same time, the school would permanently remove communal green space and sports facilities which would not be replaced by the proposed smaller spaces in other parts of the development. Student/teacher access to the site from all directions will be hampered by morning commuter traffic and inadequate public transport. Moreover, the arrival and departure of 1250 students and teachers will add to existing local congestion.

The Thomson House primary school is operating in difficult circumstances on a split site with Mortlake Green as the playground and a dangerous crossing at Sheen Lane by the railway crossing to access this facility. It would certainly be better provided for on the former brewery site but serious consideration needs to be given to the locating of any school along a congested road with idling traffic and high levels of air pollution